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What is claimed is:

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1. A computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions for performing steps comprising:
 - allowing a user to select a language in which an electronic file is to be displayed;
 - providing the electronic file to the user;
 - translating the electronic file into the language selected by the user; and
 - displaying the translated electronic file to the user.
 2. The computer-readable medium of claim 1 wherein the electronic file is provided to the user via the Internet.
 3. The computer-readable medium of claim 1 wherein the electronic file is an HTML document.
 4. The computer-readable medium of claim 3 wherein a Web browser displays the HTML document to the user.
 5. The computer-readable medium of claim 4 wherein the Web browser translates the HTML document into the language selected by the user.
 6. A method of providing an electronic file to a user comprising the steps of:

assigning at least one word in the electronic file at least one identifier which corresponds to a translation for said at least one word;

allowing the user to select a language in which the electronic file is to be displayed;

using said at least one identifier to translate said at least one word into a translated electronic file; and

displaying the translated electronic file to the user.

7. The method of claim 6 wherein the electronic file is an HTML document.
8. The method of claim 7 wherein the translation for said at least one word is stored in a data structure on a server.
9. The method of claim 8 wherein the data structure is an array.
10. The method of claim 9 wherein the translated HTML document is displayed by a Web browser.
11. The method of claim 10 wherein the translated HTML document is provided to the user via the Internet.
12. The method of claim 7 wherein a plurality of words in the HTML document are assigned a plurality of identifiers that correspond to said translation.

13. The method of claim 7 wherein a plurality of phrases in the HTML document are assigned a plurality of identifiers that correspond to said translation.
14. A method of providing a Web document in HTML format over the Internet from a server to a client, said method comprising the steps of:
- assigning each word in the Web document an identifier that corresponds to a translation for said word;
 - allowing a client to select a language in which the Web document is to be displayed;
 - transmitting the Web document to the client;
 - using the identifier for each said word to identify the translation for each said word, based upon the language selected by the client;
 - replacing each said word in the Web document with the translation for the word; and
 - displaying the Web document.